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Village Board

Christina Charuk, Mayor
Deputy Mayor John Walker

Trustee Clark Giblin Trustee Mary Jacyna Trustee Lori Thorn

**Minutes of a Work Session of the Johnson City Village Board held at 6:00pm on Tuesday,
February 3, 2026 in the Village Hall Board Room, 60 Lester Avenue, Johnson City, New York**

Present: Christina Charuk, Mayor
 John Walker, Deputy Mayor
 Clark Giblin, Trustee
 Mary Jacyna, Trustee
 Lori Thorn, Trustee

Absent: None

Also Present: Keegan Coughlin, Legal Counsel
 Kim Cunningham, Acting Village Clerk/Treasurer
 Joshua Holland, Director of Public Services

Mayor Christina Charuk called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Christina Charuk asked for the Trustees to give all conflicts they have:

Trustee Thorn She works for Sanico that provides janitorial supplies for the Village.
 Her husband works for the Water Department.
Trustee Jacyna Her Son works for Fire Department. He doesn't live under her roof and she doesn't
 support him and he does not support her in any way.
Trustee Giblin He works for Harding Brooks Insurance Agency who handles insurance for the Village.
 He does not receive any compensation or commission.
Trustee Walker He does not have any compelling conflicts he knows of.
Mayor Charuk She is on the Board of Meals on Wheels.

Director of Public Services Joshua Holland spoke regarding the following:

Joshua Holland discussed:

- Wilbrow Alley design – meeting on Thursday with the business owners

Mr. Holland handed out a spreadsheet with regard to Arch costs. He explained the spreadsheet to the Board.

- Arch costs from day we started until today and moving forward. He explained the costs and five change orders. Out of 207 stones there were 17 that were sound.
 - Maintaining SHPO compliance

- Originally the project manager at Fisher told us the cost would be \$2,000,000.00 to rebuild. Right now, we are at \$2,007,000. At some point, Stephanie Yezzi and Martin Meaney made the decision to bring the total funding to \$1,800,000.00 instead of the \$2,000,000.00; he thinks this was the \$900,000.00 in bond money and they doubled it. In order to finish the project, he needs about \$212,000.00 more. We need to get the bond up to the \$2,000,000.00 mark.
- Foundations that are there now are just a little smaller than they need to be.
- A little bit of sidewalk redo.
- Trustee Walker asked for the reasoning this wasn't completed last year.

Mr. Holland responded Fisher send us a long email about if the steel inside the chunks of concrete out there were any good, it should hold. Their engineer wouldn't certify it and the engineer at Lakeland who designed the precast wouldn't certify the drawings either. He made the decision to not spend money to investigate the existing concrete further, and to rip it out and start over. So instead of Fisher, he had Lakeland do it which was under Lupini's contract and part of our change order already. They came back with the design and Fisher certified it. He had Lupini get three quotes and follow our policy for the change order to make sure we got the best price. It included:

- Taking out foundations, putting in the new ones.
 - Church steps
 - Price increase for electrician costs
 - Barriers
 - Signage for road closure
 - DOT permit
 - Crane
- Attorney Coughlin said we will have to redo the bond resolution that was originally done; it will be reformatted to increase the amount. Since Orrick did the previous one, it would make sense for them to update the bond resolution. One of the issues was we couldn't get in writing from anybody what the cost would be to replace the foundation.
 - We can't okay the change order until the bond resolution is done and the correct amount of time has passed.
- Attorney Coughlin stated increase the maximum estimated cost of the project to \$2,007,000, to make it \$2,100,000.00. If we borrow it and don't spend it, it goes on the first payment.
- Trustee Walker said he doesn't like it, it is something that is very historical to the Village.

Mr. Holland stated we are way too far into it to stop. It will be solid concrete. He confirmed the lighting will run from an app on his iPhone.

Mr. Holland and Attorney Coughlin explained the Endicott arch lack of similarities to Johnson City Arch.

- 2026 Paving projects (subject to change)
 - Lincoln
 - Reconstruction project – it is sinking
 - Only redoing concrete where the services are
 - Water and Sewer lines will be redone
 - Put out to bid next week
 - Suggested Keegan talk to the Board about Bond Resolutions
 - Overbrook
 - Water line
 - It is imperative we redo it.

- Concrete will be done through CHIPS funding

Trustee Walker questioned the Floral/Grand/Burbank project. He asked if the rest of it is all funding. Mr. Holland stated that is the rest of what we had from last year and it will be paid from CHIPS. There will be no bonding.

Mayor Charuk said the conversation from Albany is they are requesting an additional \$50,000,000 for roads, bridges, water and sewer.

Mayor Charuk, Attorney Coughlin, Joshua Holland and the Board discussed:

- Progress with NYSDOT regarding snow removal
- Sidewalk clearing has doubled this year
 - Looking into new equipment for snow removal
- Adjoining property owners are responsible for clearing sidewalks on state roads.
- Concrete resolution
 - Mr. Holland confirmed there is a dollar amount in the contract. He has money left from this budget year. CHIPS has been set aside. In the upcoming year, we won't spend until we get the bond resolution.
 - Attorney Coughlin added because that contract is a set rate for whatever projects we dictate, Mr. Holland cannot order projects through that contract until the bond resolution is in effect.
 - They are discussing the clause regarding the construction timeline. That is why the resolution says in a form acceptable to counsel because we are looking into is the most maximalist protectionary language we can have for performance and timeline.
 - Attorney Coughlin said they won't get paid until the project is done.
 - Mr. Holland said the bond number won't go up. He worked hard to keep bond # down

Mayor Charuk reviewed the Agenda and the Resolutions.

Mayor met with JSTP Board and Mr. Kolba. Mr. Kolba agreed to help Josh in his transition. She thanked him for his service and asked him to provide any support he could for a month.

Mayor said Resolution 27 is in line with Governor Hochul's Local Crime Act written with input with the Chief of Police.

Mayor explained Res 28 of 2026 in that it is her intention to promote international good will foster cultural exchange and create economic opportunities and partnerships with Uzhhorod, Ukraine.

Discussed Resolution 29

- Position
- Benefits/Pension Contributions

Attorney Coughlin explained the MS4 Technician Program. This is part of new requirement between the shared permit between the City and the Village.

Trustee Giblin explained Resolution 34 and the JSB transfer of funds.

Trustees:

Trustee Walker – received a complaint from a new resident purchased home on Fowler and got a letter from code stating she didn't live there and she didn't have the fire company come inspect the house. She

called the Village Office and got the Clerk who wasn't forth giving and told her she wasn't living there; she was renting it. She got another letter saying if she didn't apply it was going to be a \$250 fine. She got a hold of Randy who closed the case. A new resident shouldn't be treated like this.

Attorney Coughlin said he would follow up with Code on this and see if there is anything he can do to help.

Trustee Thorn - asked if the Village has a noise ordinance. She spoke regarding the church at the end of Harry L Drive. She said they ring every hour. Attorney Coughlin stated 65 decibels but churches are exempt if it is their bells. The Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act. It has to be reasonable as it relates to the religious ceremony. Attorney Coughlin and Mayor Charuk will check into it.

Mayor Charuk discussed:

- A grant the Village was awarded a semester-long grant for Binghamton University students to redesign and put into ADA compliance the Village website. She met with the two students last Friday and they will be working on this for a semester long project with the Village until May. She asked them to look at the things we first need to delete and things that are irrelevant. They are minor coders but good at the aesthetics, logistics and layout.
- we are still pursuing the .gov for the website.
- Unclaimed funds due back to the Village.
 - Attorney Coughlin is having a paralegal looking into these funds.
 - Hotel payments – possibly checks cut for taxes or water bills that maybe lagged.
- Ability for Village to put in a hotel occupancy tax. It would go in above what County and Town of Union have. It could be 60% occupancy for the year at the regular rate about \$4,000. Attorney Coughlin advised we tried two years ago and it didn't go anywhere. Last year Town of Dickinson was able to get theirs so we are going to alter their forms slightly and the Mayor is going to work with our State Assembly and State Senators and hopefully get that rolling.

Attorney Coughlin asked for a motion to go into executive session regarding employment of certain persons at Village Hall, sale and acquisition of real property and settlement of litigation.

Executive Session #1

A motion to enter executive session regarding employment of certain persons at Village Hall, sale and acquisition of real property and settlement of litigation at 6:55 pm was made by Trustee Walker and seconded by Trustee Jacyna. The motion carried with all those present voting in the affirmative.

A motion to exit executive session at 7:27 pm was made by Trustee Walker and seconded by Trustee Jacyna. The motion carried with all those present voting in the affirmative.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Charuk adjourned the work session at 7:30 pm.

Kim Cunningham
Village Clerk/Treasurer

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